

MISSING SINCE MAY 29, 1976

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THE NAMES STATED ABOVE LEFT WORCESTER MA AT 7:00 AM ON MAY 29, 1976 AND NEVER RETURNED. THE CLOSEST WE CAN FIGURE THE 17 FOOT MOTOR BOAT EQUIPPED WITH 125 H.P. LEFT PLYMOUTH MA THAT MORNING. THE NEXT THE FAMILY HEARD WAS THAT THE BOAT WAS FOUND ABANDONED 6 MILES OF DUXBURY BEACH, 8 MILES NORTH OF PLYMOUTH TOWN WHARF. THE BOAT WAS IN SWAMPED CONDITION. THE ONLY PART OF THE BOAT ABOVE WATER WAS THE BOW.

A SPOTTER PLANE WORKING WITH THE KINGFISHER NOTIFIED THE KINGFISHER TRAWLER THAT THE BOAT WAS SPOTTED HALF SUBMERGED. THE KINGFISHER TOOK THE BOAT IN TOW, THEN NOTIFIED THE COAST GUARD. THE KINGFISHER REFUSED TO RELEASE THE BOAT AND CONTENTS ABOARD UNTIL THEY WERE THREATENED BY THE COAST GUARD TO BRING IN A FEDERAL MARSHALL. UPON HEARING THIS THE KINGFISHER RELEASED ALL PROPERTY (OR SO THEY SAY!). WHY WASN'T THE KINGFISHER SEARCHED AFTER THEY REFUSED TO RELEASE THE BOAT AND THE CONTENTS? ESPECIALLY WERE PEOPLE WERE MISSING. THE FAMILY AND SOME PROFESSIONALS BELIEVE FOUL PLAY WAS INVOLVED.

- FACTS:
1. ALL FOUR PEOPLE WERE EXCELLENT SWIMMERS.
 2. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE OUTBOARD BOAT THAT DIDN'T ALREADY EXIST.
 3. A BLACK NYLON WINDBREAKER WITH THE NAME CLIFF ON THE UPPER LEFT SLEEVE AND THE WORD HYDAWAY ACROSS THE BACK OF THE JACKET IN ORANGE LETTERS WAS FOUND ON BOARD. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AGREE THAT THE JACKET DID NOT BELONG TO ANY OF THE PARTY ABOARD THE BOAT.
 4. A YELLOW SKI ROPE THAT WAS SECURED TO ONE OF THE ANCHORS WAS CUT IN A CLEAN FASHION. THERE WERE NO OTHER ANCHORS FOUND, WHEN THE BOAT LEFT THERE WERE TWO OF THEM.
 5. THE KEY WAS FOUND IN THE IGNITION IN THE OFF POSITION AND THE SHIFT SELECTOR WAS IN THE NEUTRAL POSITION.
 6. ELAINE KWIATKOWSKI'S POCKETBOOK WAS FOUND ON BOARD IN A WET CONDITION IN WHICH ALL OF THE CONTENTS WERE VERY WET.
 7. THERE WAS A CAR PARKED BEHIND DANIEL KWIATKOWSKI'S. THESE TWO CARS PUT THERE BOATS

IN THE WATER AT THE SAME TIME. THIS CAR HOWEVER DID NOT RETURN FROM SATURDAY AM UNTIL MONDAY EVENING. JUDGING FROM THE SIZE OF THE TRAILER THE SECOND BOAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN LONGER THAN 14-15 FEET.

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY TWO FAMILY MEMBERS AND A PILOT IN A HELICOPTER FROM PROVIDENCE TOWN CAPE ANN. ALL ISLANDS ABOVE WATER AND THOSE SUBMERGED AT HIGH TIDE WHERE THOROUGHLY CHECKED INCLUDING ALL LIGHT HOUSES, BEACHES AND THE COPTER HOVERED OVER ALL THE SUMMER HOUSES AND FORMER WORLD WAR II FORTIFICATIONS. THERE WERE ALSO FLOATABLES ABOARD THE BOAT THAT DID NOT FLOAT OFF THE BOAT. THEY SHOULD HAVE IF THE BOAT WAS FOUND IN SWAMPED CONDITION.

FAMILY ASSUMPTIONS:

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 1976 4 YOUNG PEOPLE WENT DOWN THE CAPE FOR A 1 DAY FISHING TRIP. THEY NEVER RETURNED. THE FAMILY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL AT 5:00 AM SAYING THE BOAT WAS FOUND IN SWAMPED CONDITION. IT WAS TAKEN AND TOWED BY A FISHING TRAWLER FOR SALVAGE RIGHTS. IT WAS A DOUBLE HULL BOAT AND NO LIFE JACKETS WERE USED.

JOSEPH KWIATKOWSKI RENTED A BOAT TO START THE SEARCH. THE SEARCH CONTINUED WITH MANY FAMILY MEMBERS BEING INVOLVED STILL TO THIS DAY. PEOPLE REMEMBER THE 4 LEAVING. AN OFFICIAL SEARCH TOOK PLACE FOR OVER 24 HOURS. THE HARBOR MASTER SAID THE WINDS WERE VERY HEAVY THAT DAY. THEY ENDED UP CALLING EVERYONE IN. IF THEY HAD DROWNED THEIR BODIES WOULD HAVE WASHED UP WITHIN 7-10 DAYS. THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

THE STATE POLICE AND THE FBI WERE BOTH CONTACTED. THEY BOTH SAID IT WAS OUT OF THEIR JURISDICTION. WHO'S JURISDICTION WAS IT THEN? WHY THIS WASN'T PURSUED WAS PROBABLY A DIRECT RELATION TO THE EMOTIONAL STATE OF THE FAMILY AND WHY THE FAMILY GOT SO DEEPLY INVOLVED THE SEARCH ON THERE OWN.

MANY EVENTS TOOK PLACE OVER THE LAST 19 YEARS. SOME THINGS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A MYSTERY. WHAT WE THINK HAPPENED AND WHAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE KNOWN. WHAT THIS FAMILY DOES KNOW IS THAT 3 MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY AND A COMPLETE STRANGER DISAPPEARED ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO AND WE DO NOT HAVE AS MUCH AS 1 BODY TO PUT THEM TO REST.

BY SENDING THIS SUMMARY TO UNSOLVED MYSTERIES IT GIVES US SOME HOPE THAT PERHAPS SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE MIGHT RECALL OR EVEN KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE IN OUR HEARTS THAT THEY ARE ALIVE, BUT REALITY HAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN THAT HOPE AWAY. WE HAVE ALL LEARNED TO DEAL WITH THIS TRAGEDY IN OUR OWN WAY, SOME BETTER THAN OTHERS. THE

GOAL HERE IS TO MAYBE SOMEHOW GET A CLEAR PICTURE AS TO
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED AND MAYBE BE ABLE TO PUT THEM TO
REST OR BETTER YET FIND THEM ALIVE.

THE ATTACHED INFORMATION REPRESENTS A SMALL PORTION OF
WHAT COULD BE SHARED. I LOOK FORWARD TO A RESPONSE.

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